Pending Power Projects of Rajasthan

1307. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many power projects of Rajasthan are pending before the Central Government for clearance as on the 30th April, 1990; and

(b) whether the Central Government propose to clear these projects early in view of acute power shortage in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) One project proposal namely the Suratgarh Thermal Power Project consisting of two units of 210 MW to be set up in the State Sector has been received in the Central Electricity Authority. It could be techno-economically appraised after coal linkage for the scheme has been tied up.

Coal supplied to Rajasthan State Electricity Board

1308. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) which coalfields in the country are at present supplying coal to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board, indicating the quantity of coal supplied per month during January-March, 1990, rate per tonnage, freight charges, etc. in respect of each company;

(b) whether the Central Coalfields Ltd. have fulfilled their commitments towards the RSEB, if so, what are the details of total quantity of coal supplied during the year 1989 and the current year upto the 30th April, 1990 against the committed quantity as per the contract entered into with them; and

(c) what are the other irregularities which have come to the notice of Government in respect of (i) the Western Coalfields Ltd. and (ii) the Central Coalfields Ltd. during the last two years and upto the 30th April, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) At present, Bharat Coking Coal Limited and South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. supply coal to Kota Thermal Power Station of Rajasthan State Electricity Board. The following quantity of coal has been supplied -by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. and South Eastern Coal fields Ltd. during January-March, 1990:—

BCCL	2,71,226 tonnes
SECL	1,52,657 tonnes
	4,23,883 tonnes

The average price paid by Rajasthan State Electricity Board is Rs. 395/-per tonne of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. coal and Rs. 410/- per tonne of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. coal. The average railway freight is Rs. 527/- per tonne for Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. coal and Rs. 326/- per tonne for South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. coal.

(b) and (c) Since there was no linkage, Central Coalfields Ltd. and Western Coalfields Ltd. did not supply any coal to RSEB during the year 1989 and the current year.

Setting up of a power project for VIP areas in the capital

1309. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU had set up a power station of 220 KV at Park Street, New Delhi, about four years back, to ensure regular power supply to the VIP areas in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in commissioning the said sub-station; and